[27th March 1929

Expenditure on the Fruit Preserving Institute.

*1928 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount spent for Fruit Preserving Institute;

(b) what was done with the machinery and buildings; and

(c) if they were sold, whether the whole machinery and building were sold together or separately and for how much?

A.—(a) The capital invested in the institute as on 31st March 1926 was Rs. 1,58,339–14–10.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the audit report of the institute for the year ending 31st March 1927 and for eight months till 30th November 1927 recorded in G.O. No. 534, Development, dated 26th March 1928, which has been placed on the table of the House. As will be seen from the statements attached to that report certain items of machinery, stock and other utensils have been disposed of by sale, certain items have been transferred to the Agricultural department, certain items have been taken over to other branches of the Industries department, such as the Sericultural branch, etc.

As regards land and buildings, the bungalow attached to the institute and a portion of the land have been reserved for sericultural work and the remaining land and buildings have been reserved for the conduct of certain experiments in nutritional research.

Leather factories in the Presidency.

*1929 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government possess information regarding the number of factories in the Presidency where leather is prepared; and

(b) the total quantity of leather prepared in each?

A.—(a) There are three factories in this Presidency preparing finished leather and between 400 and 600 tanneries employed in tanning leather for export.

(b) The information is not available.

Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami:—"The answer to (a) says that there are three factories in this Presidency preparing finished leather. May I know the names of these three factories?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know if the Government is helping these factories by giving advice regarding tanning?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"No, Sir. I cannot say."

Training of weavers in Government institutes.

*1930 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of men that have been trained as weavers till now in Government institutes; and

(b) the number of those that are being trained at present?